

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN REGULATIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CDSS)

ITEM #1 California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)
Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) Increase

The CDSS hereby gives notice of the proposed regulatory action(s) described below. Any person interested may present statements or arguments orally or in writing relevant to the proposed regulations at a public hearing to be held on August 21, 2019, at the following address:

Office Building #8
744 P St., Room 103
Sacramento, California

The public hearing will convene at 10:00 a.m. and will remain open only if attendees are presenting testimony. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public testimony, not to engage in debate or discussion. The CDSS will adjourn the hearing immediately following the completion of testimony presentations. The above-referenced facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you need a language interpreter at the hearing (including sign language), please notify CDSS at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Statements or arguments relating to the proposals may also be submitted in writing, e-mail, or by facsimile to the address/number listed below. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on August 21, 2019.

Following the public hearing CDSS may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify the proposals if the modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. Except for nonsubstantive, technical, or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption to all persons who testify or submit written comments during the public comment period, and all persons who request notification. Please address requests for regulations as modified to the agency representative identified below.

Copies of the express terms of the proposed regulations and the Initial Statement of Reasons are available from the office listed below. This notice, the Initial Statement of Reasons and the text of the proposed regulations are available on the internet at [CDSS Public Hearings for Proposed Regulations \(http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Letters-Regulations/Legislation-and-Regulations/CDSS-Regulation-Changes-In-Process-and-Completed-Regulations/Public-Hearing-Information\)](http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Letters-Regulations/Legislation-and-Regulations/CDSS-Regulation-Changes-In-Process-and-Completed-Regulations/Public-Hearing-Information). Additionally, all the information which CDSS considered as the basis for these proposed regulations (i.e., rulemaking file) is available for public reading at the address listed below. Following the public hearing, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons will also be available at the following address:

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CHAPTERS

44-200, 44-300, and 89-100

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

These proposed regulations revise references to the CalWORKs Maximum Aid Payment (MAP). These changes are a result of Assembly Bill (AB) 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018), which became effective April 1, 2019. AB 1811 requires CDSS to increase the MAP in the CalWORKs program. The proposed regulations implement the following by referring to the statutes and noting that updates to the MAP figures are published by CDSS through an All County Letter:

- Increases the CalWORKs MAP by ten percent, effective April 1, 2019, and
- Provides for further MAP increases in Fiscal Years 2019–20 and 2020–21.

This regulatory action will benefit the health and welfare of California residents by alleviating the effects of deep poverty. Children living in deep poverty endure hardships that impair their ability to succeed in school and adult life. Increasing the MAP will allow families to meet their basic needs, and thus improve the physical and mental health of their children, as well as their future potential.

The CDSS conducted a review of existing regulations and evaluated the proposed regulations for any inconsistency or incompatibility. The CDSS has found that these are the only regulations concerning the MAP in CalWORKs. Therefore, the proposed regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing state regulations, but do fulfill the intent of the Legislature in enacting AB 1811.

COST ESTIMATE

1. Costs or Savings to State Agencies: None
2. Costs to Local Agencies or School Districts Which Must Be Reimbursed in Accordance with Government Code Sections 17500 - 17630: None
3. Nondiscretionary Costs or Savings to Local Agencies: None
4. Federal Funding to State Agencies: None

LOCAL MANDATE STATEMENT

These regulations do impose a mandate upon local agencies, but not upon school districts. The mandate is not required to be reimbursed pursuant to part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code or Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because implementation of the regulations will result in no additional costs to local agencies.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESS

The CDSS has made an initial determination that the proposed action will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. This determination was made based on the proposed regulatory action, which was designed to impact the regulations that only affect individuals applying for or receiving CalWORKs.

STATEMENT OF POTENTIAL COST IMPACT ON PRIVATE PERSONS OR BUSINESSES

The CDSS is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. This regulatory action is designed to impact only the CalWORKs population in order to aid and strengthen needy families and there are no known expected costs associated to the individuals.

SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The CDSS has determined that there is no impact on small businesses as a result of filing these regulations because these regulations are only applicable to state and county agencies. These regulations are mandated by AB 1811 and are only applicable to CalWORKs program applicants or recipients; therefore, they do not have a cost impact on the private sector, including small businesses.

STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The adoption of the proposed amendments will neither create nor eliminate jobs in the State of California nor result in the elimination of existing businesses or create or expand businesses in the State of California. The implementation of this regulatory action will benefit CalWORKs applicants or recipients. There are no additional benefits for worker safety or the state's environment, as the regulations only affect individuals applying for or receiving CalWORKs. For additional information on the benefits of the proposed regulation, please see anticipated benefits found under the aforementioned Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview.

STATEMENT OF EFFECT ON HOUSING COSTS

The proposed regulatory action will have no effect on housing costs.

STATEMENT OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

In developing the regulatory action, CDSS did not consider any other alternatives because there were no other alternatives proposed. AB 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018), Sections 24 and 25 specifically requires that CDSS implement MAP increases through regulations. These regulations would implement these increases by referring to the appropriate Welfare and Institutions Code sections which pertain to the MAP and by referring to the All County Letters issued by CDSS for the most recent MAP amounts.

The CDSS must determine that no reasonable alternative considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of CDSS would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are proposed or would be as effective as and less

burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE CITATIONS

Sections 10553, 10554, 10604, 11450, 11450.017, 11450.018, 11450.02, 11450.021, 11450.022, 11450.025, 11450.026, and 11453.01 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

CDSS REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING THE RULEMAKING PROCESS OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION

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EMERGENCY STATEMENT

These regulations are to be adopted on an emergency basis. To allow interested persons an opportunity to submit statements or arguments concerning these regulations, they will be considered at public hearing in accordance with Government Code Section 11346.4.